

# RIDOC Happenings

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Upcoming & Recent Events & News of Interest to the RIDOC Community

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*"September 11, 2011, was a tragedy on every scale imaginable, and it is my hope that on its anniversary we are all able to engage in silent remembrance of those who were lost."*

Gov. Lincoln Chafee



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## Remembering 9-11

At the request of the Honorable Governor Lincoln Chafee, a statewide moment of silence was held this morning at 8:46 to recognize and honor the victims of the horrible tragedy that unfolded on September 11, 2001. In a letter to all state employees, the Governor wrote: "Each year, the anniversary of those attacks is a source of pain for our nation, but it is even more difficult for those who lost loved ones on that day, including a number of Rhode Island families."

## Celebrating Lloyd Hedges, RI's Longest-serving C.O.

This afternoon, a brief ceremony celebrating C.O. Lloyd Hedges will take place in the Visiting Room at Intake. Guests will gather beginning at 2:30 p.m. The Honorable Governor Lincoln Chafee, Director Wall, Warden Matthew Kettle, and RIBCO President David Mellon will be among the speakers. Please congratulate Lloyd upon the 50th anniversary of his first day on the job. C.O. Hedges began his service to the RIDOC on September 2nd, 1962, long before many of his current colleagues were born.

## Sign Up Now for a Fall 2012 Employee Health Fair

Don't forget to preregister for a slot at this fall's on-site employee health fair and earn co-share credits. There are still times available between 6 and 10 a.m. and 2 and 7 p.m. on October 10th, at the Arnold Conference Center. Remember to bring your UHC membership card. For more information on this and other Wellness programs, visit [www.wellnessri.gov](http://www.wellnessri.gov) or see the H.R. Department.



## Rallies for Recovery Continue

The Rally for Recovery at the Gloria McDonald Women's Awaiting Trial and Medium Security Facility will take place on **Monday, September 24th, at 1 p.m.**, in the facility's Visiting Room.

Speakers will include Director Wall, Assistant Director Elizabeth Earls, BHDDH Director Craig Stenning, Jim Gillen, Director of Anchor Recovery and Community Center, and Providence Center graduates from GM. Quilts made by men and women in recovery will be displayed. This year's theme is **Join the voices for recovery: it's worth it!** A letter of appreciation from Warden Carole Dwyer commending all of those involved with the highly successful kickoff on **Friday, August 31st**, was recently distributed. In it, the Warden wrote, "This was a major event for the Department and was carried out with great pride, professionalism, and cooperation. The staff of the Women's Facilities were honored to host this event, but it never would have been as successful without the help and cooperation of many. Thank you again to all of you who helped showcase the pride and professionalism that the staff of this agency demonstrates every single day." Don't miss the 10th anniversary statewide Rally 4 Recovery on Saturday, September 15th, from 2 - 7 p.m. at the Roger Williams Memorial, 282 North Main Street, Providence. Director Wall will be among the speakers and 5,000 people are expected. The event will culminate with a special Waterfire.



## Thanks for Your Donations!

Many thanks to all RIDOC employees who contributed to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank's Summer Food Drive. Donations totaling 297 pounds were dropped off this morning at the Food Bank.

## Positive Press Coverage

The RIDOC has received a good deal of positive press coverage of late including stories on C.O. Lloyd Hedges, the kickoff for the Rallies for Recovery Behind the Walls, and the garden project at the Bernadette Facility. Links to coverage are posted on the website ([www.doc.ri.gov](http://www.doc.ri.gov)) under **Media and Community Relations**.

## Promotions Announced

Director Wall is pleased to announce the promotion of longtime employee **Robert Catlow** to Chief Inspector, effective August 31st. Bob had been serving in an acting capacity in that role since April of this year. He has worked his way up through the ranks, starting off as a Correctional Officer in 1986. Bob is highly regarded both within our agency and outside the Department. Assistant Director David McCauley has announced that 22-year veteran employee **Nick Ventetuolo** has been selected as the Chief of Motor Pool and Maintenance. Please congratulate these two deserving gentlemen on their promotions.

## RIFOP Lodge #45 Correctional Officers to hold Fund-raising Event

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 20th, at 6 p.m.**, when the Rhode Island F.O.P. Lodge #45 Correctional Officers will hold its annual fund-raising event featuring dinner, comedians, and raffles. Tickets are only \$20 per person and can be obtained through C.O. Vessella, ext. 20019 (7-3), C.O. Machado, ext. 21310 (7-3) or C.O. Blackmar, ext. 23779 (3-11).

## PHOTO GALLERY

### RALLIES FOR RECOVERY BEHIND THE WALLS



Liz Earls, Assistant Director for Rehab Services, speaks at the Providence Center graduation at Bernadette which preceded the kickoff.



Gov. Chafee speaks at the kickoff for the Rallies for Recovery Behind the Walls on Friday, August 31st.



Senator Rhoda Perry holds the sign for Roberta Richman Way, the street near the Women's Facilities named for retired Assistant Director Roberta Richman. Below - one of the beach stones decorated by inmates in recovery making up the Roberta Richman Pathway to Recovery and Director Wall speaking at the men's Minimum Security Rally.

